

CONGRESSMAN **PETE KING**

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CONGRESS INVESTIGATES REPORTS OF U.N. FRAUD IN IRAQ

Saddam Stole \$10 Billion in Bribes and Kickbacks

The United Nations administered the Oil-for-Food Program in Iraq between 1997 and 2003. Under this program \$64 billion of Iraqi oil was sold to countries and companies around the world. The U.N. was supposed to make sure that all the money from these sales was used to pay for food, medicine and other humanitarian relief efforts for the people of Iraq.

A recent report by the Government Accounting Office (GAO), however, uncovered the disgraceful fact that during the time when U.N. officials were overseeing

this \$64 billion fund, Saddam Hussein siphoned off more than \$10 billion in bribes and kickbacks. Cash payoffs were made to oil company executives and politicians in countries such as France and Russia and possibly to U.N. officials as well. In other words, this humanitarian program was undermined by systematic and rampant abuse, graft and theft which allowed Saddam to maintain his grip on Iraq and give him power over companies and countries in the lead-up to the war.

The International Relations Committee, of which I am a member, has begun an investigation

to unravel the extent of fraud and corruption in the U.N.'s Oil-for-Food Program. Additionally, the U.N. has begun its own investigation under the direction of Paul Volcker, the former Chairman of the Federal Reserve. For these investigations to succeed, however, investigators must have full and complete access to essential information and witnesses and pursue whatever might be found, wherever that might lead. Too much is at stake in Iraq to do otherwise.

PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMAN KING DISCUSS TERRORIST THREAT WITH NEW YORK OFFICIALS

EISENHOWER PARK, NY – President Bush and Rep. King (r.) recently met with New York officials including former NYPD Commissioner Bernard Kerik (2nd l.) to discuss the terrorist threat to our country. Also participating (backs to the camera) were Rudy Giuliani and former Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen. The President pledged that the federal government would continue to work closely with local law enforcement officials to defeat the terrorist threat.



REP. KING, LEGISLATOR FORD CONFER ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

LONG BEACH, NY – Congressman King and Nassau County Legislator Denise Ford recently toured the Long Beach shorefront as part of Rep. King's continuing interest in environmental issues of concern to Long Island. Rep. King has worked closely with Legislator Ford and other local officials in supporting the ban on the gasoline additive MTBE which causes ground water contamination.



SPECIAL NOTICE FOR VETERANS

Veterans who served in our Armed Forces are entitled to receive various medals and awards. My office will be honored to help veterans obtain these service medals. Please contact my office and we will work with you to get these decorations.

Pete King's District Office Proudly Assists Veterans

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REP. KING ASSISTS LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS *Grant Awarded to Sea Cliff*



SEA CLIFF, NY – Congressman Pete King was at the Sea Cliff Fire Department recently to announce the awarding of \$140,463 in federal grant money to procure a state-of-the-art automatic electronic defibrillator for the fire department's ambulance and to provide an extensive upgrade in protective firemanic equipment including air tanks and face masks. The funding is directed through the Federal Emergency Management Administration. Joining with Rep. King were (l – r) Fire Medic Kevin Boris, (King), Mayor Ellen Krieb and Chief Jim Ajamian.

REP. KING SUPPORTS PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS AGAINST SYRIA

AIR FORCE ONE – As a member of the International Relations Committee, Congressman Pete King works closely with President Bush in the war against terrorism. Rep. King strongly supports the President's decision to impose sanctions against Syria because of its support of terrorism and its refusal to stop the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq.



REP. KING, TERRORISM EXPERT DISCUSS SLEEPER CELLS



MASSAPEQUA PARK, NY – Congressman Pete King recently conferred with terrorism expert Harvey Kushner who is Chairman of the Criminal Justice Department at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. Rep. King and Dr. Kushner discussed the threat we face from terrorist sleeper cells operating in our country. Rep. King supports the PATRIOT Act which gives law enforcement authorities additional powers to combat terrorism.

CONGRESSMAN KING FIGHTS TO SAFEGUARD RIGHTS OF SENIOR CITIZENS

I have made it a major priority to protect the rights of our senior citizens: strengthening Medicare, reducing the taxes on Social Security benefits and providing necessary health care and basic quality of life services.

Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act (H.R. 133) – In 1993 the Clinton Administration imposed a tax increase on senior citizens of up to 85% of their Social Security benefits. I voted against this increase in 1993 and am sponsoring H.R. 133 which would repeal that tax increase.

Medicare Osteoporosis Measurement Act (H.R. 2151) – Would allow all Medicare beneficiaries who are at clinical risk for osteoporosis to receive coverage for screening.

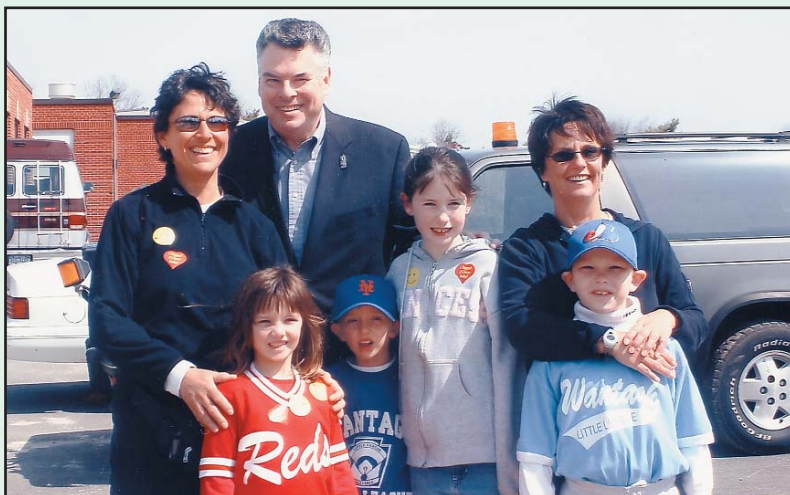
Access To Mammography Act (H.R. 817) – Would increase Medicare reimbursement for mammograms.

Access To Cancer Therapies Act (H.R. 1288) – Would provide Medicare coverage for all anti-cancer oral drugs.

You can be sure that I will continue to work on these issues and other issues affecting senior citizens rights such as a patients' bill of rights.

CONGRESSMAN KING SALUTES WANTAGH LITTLE LEAGUE

WANTAGH, NY – Congressman Pete King was on hand for the opening day event of the Wantagh Little League. Rep. King works with Little League officials in their efforts to encourage children to stay in school and stay away from drugs.



CONGRESSMAN KING INSPECTS RAIL PROJECT *Would Connect LIRR to Grand Central Station*



LONG ISLAND CITY, NY – Rep. Pete King has been the lead supporter of the East Side Access project which would connect the LIRR directly to Grand Central Station. This project will reduce the commute time to Grand Central by more than thirty minutes and significantly reduce traffic congestion. The federal government has already provided \$155 million for this project and President Bush has included an additional \$100 million in the budget he has submitted to Congress. Rep. King recently toured the construction site with LIRR President Jim Dermody. The project is scheduled to be completed by 2011.

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